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SUBJ: PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROCESSING
FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES

REF: 1) STATE 299088; 2) WILSON/BRENNAN CON NOVEMBER 24

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED ICEM RESPONSE TO PAPERS PRESENTED
IT ON ABOVE SUBJECT PURSUANT TO REFS. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE FOLLOWING ARE ICEM COMMENTS ON TWO DRAFTS RECENTLY
GIVEN TO US ON PROCEDURES FOR INDOCHINESE BOAT CASES.
ORIGINAL DRAFT (I.E., "PROCEDURES" PAPER, REF (2).

A. PARA 6 ICEM IS WILLING TO CONTINUE IN 1977 ARRANGEMENTS
WITH NON-PANEL CONTRACT PHYSICIANS BUT PLANS TO RE-ASSIGN
DR. KARaulNIK FROM BANGKOK AS FROM 15 JANUARY UNLESS US
GOVT PREPARED TO REIMBURSE HIS SALARY AND PER DIEM AS
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DONE IN 1976. UNDERSTAND SAULTERS, CHIEF US REP BANGKOK,
HAS ADVISED THAT KARaulNIK'S SERVICES ARE REQUIRED FOR
ENTIRE YEAR.

B. PARA 8, WE SUGGEST ADDING FOLLOWING PHRASE TO BANGKOK
ONLY SENTENCE QTE FOR OUTWARD MOVEMENT UNQTE AS WITHOUT

THIS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED THAT ICEM ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFS FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL IN TRANSIT
CENTRE WHEREAS UNDERSTOOD UNHCR IS TO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE.

C. PARA 8, IF THE LAST SENTENCE REFERS ONLY TO ICEM
GIVING ADVANCE NOTICE OF A WEEK TO 10 DAYS TO VOLAGS OF
ANY MOVEMENT SO THAT POSTPONEMENT CAN BE MADE WHEN
REQUIRED, THERE IS NO PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IF ICEM IS
TO PERFORM SPONSOR VERIFICATIONS AS WAS DONE UNDER EPP
PROGRAMME, ADDITIONALHICEM STAFF WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
HANDLE SUCH VERIFICATIONS AND THEIR COSTS WOULD NEED TO
BE REIMBURSED BY US GOVT. THIS POINT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
WITH SAULTERS WHO WE UNDERSTAND WAS SEEKING WASHINGTON
CLARIFICATION.

ADDITIONAL DRAFT (I.E., POINTS MADE IN REF (1).

D. POINT 3, FIRST PARAGRAPH AFTER A TO G ASKS FOR
CONCURRENCE OF ICEM ON THE ROLE FOR ITS FIELD STAFF BUT
ALL OF FOREGOING REFERS ONLY TO UNHCR RESPONSIBILITIES.
THE OPENING SENTENCE OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH STATES EXPECTA-
TIONS TO ARRIVE AT A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FUND-
INF OF ANY ADDITIONAL ICEM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AS
DISTINCT FROM DIRECT TRANSPORTATION COSTS, POSSIB6 5#497&#
- :9,548?7589, 59 UNHCR FOR THIS PURPOSE. ICEM DIRECT
COSTS ARE MZNTIONED UNDER A AND C ABOVE. OTHER
INDIRECT COSTS WE HAD ANTICIPATED WOULD BE COVERED BY
USD 30 PER CAPITA SERVICE CHARGE. IF LATTER IS TO BE
CHARGED TO UNHCR, WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE
DIFFICULTIRES SINCE PRESENT UNHCR CONTRACTS REQUIRE
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EVIDENCE OF A REQUEST FOR MOVEMENT MADE BY UNHVR REPRESENTA-
TIVE WHICH CAN ONLY CAUSE CONFUSION/DUPPLICATION WITH
PARA 7 ORIGINAL DRAFT.HWE THEREFORE STRONGLY PREFER
THAT ICEM IS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO DRAW DOWN THE PER CAPITA
SERVICE CHARGE FROM US GOVT ACCOUNT NO. 5.

E. REGARDING POINT B, ABOVE AND PARA 8 ORIGINAL DRAFT IN
COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THAILAND, ICEM HAS BEEN COVERING
UNDER EPP PROGRAMME MEDICAL COSTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER
INCIDENTAL PROCESSING COSTS PLUS, IF NOT COVERED BY LOCAL
SOURCES, I.E., GOVT OR RED CROSS,IINLAND TRANSPORTATION.
UNHCR IS COVERING OTHER COSTS SUCH AS CARE AND MAINTENANCE.
SUGGEST THESE ARRANGEMENTS CONTINUE IN 1977 WITH ICEM
BEING GIVEN AUTHORITY TO DRAW SUCH COSTS FROM US GOVT
ACCT NO. 5. SUCH COSTS ARE NOT EXPECTED IN TOTAL TO
REACH ANY LARGE AMOUNTS.

F. ICEM REQUESTS CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER IN 1977 WE

CONTINUE TO BOOK CASES TO FINAL DESTINATION IN USA. THIS INFORMATION IS CRUCIAL FOR PLANNING AND BECAUSE WE SHALL SEPARATELY APPROACH HA ON A QUESTION OF FLAT RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS AS REGARDS PROMISSORY NOTES WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL TO AVOID UNDUE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK FOR ICEM AND VOLWGS. UNQUOTE.

2. IN ADDITION, IN A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION DATED DECEMBER 16, ICEM HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT, IN THE EVZNT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL POINT FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROCESSING, IT WOULD ANTICIPATE HIGHER AVERAGE COSTS IN VIEW OF EVIDENT NECESSITY FOR TWO SHORTER-HAUL AIRTICKETS "RATHER THAN ONE LONG-DISTANCE TICKET." ICEM STATES THAT UNTIL LOCATION OF CENTER IS KNOWN AND CONFIRMATION GIVEN THAT ICEM WILL CONTINUE TO ARRANGE MOVEMENTS TO FINAL DESTINATION IN US, IT WOULD PREFER NOT TO ESTIMATE THE COST FOR 1977. RECOGNIZING THAT SOME PLANNING FIGURE IS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, ICEM WOULD SUGGEST FOR THIS PURPOSE PER CAPITA CHARGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. UNHCR HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE ITS REACTIONS TO PROPOSAL BY DECEMBER 23.CATTO

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